## Ruardean Acorns Pre-School statement of intent

## Ruardean Acorns provides a learning environment in which all children are supported to reach their full potential in order to prepare them for adulthood.

**Aim**

To raise attainment of disadvantaged children and close the gap between them and their peers in readiness for school. Additional support will be sought through the use of the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). This is a sum of money that is paid to settings to support three and four year olds that meet specific criteria. It is currently £300 per year for each eligible child that takes up the full 570 hours, this equates to an hourly rate of 53p per child per hour.

**Method**

* We will target designated children and consult with their parents on how they feel their child would benefit from this additional funding.
* Identify clearly how the money is being spent in order to support individual children’s development, learning and care.
* Spend EYPP in an effective way which specifically benefits the individual child, therefore extending the quality of the early year’s education provided. This could include for example: additional resources or specific training staff for our staff on early language development, physical development or personal social and emotional development. Children not receiving EYPP will also benefit from resources purchased as well as the intervention strategies that are put in place.

A child will be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium if they are three- or four-years old and receiving the universal 15 hours of Government funded early education in any provider and they are either:

In a low income family, their parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

• Income Support

• Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

• the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

• Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

• Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who have been in local-authority care:

• looked after by the local authority for at least one day

• have been adopted from care

• have left care through special guardianship; and

• children subject to a child arrangement order

Please be aware that once a child previously eligible for EYPP starts school they will not become automatically eligible for the school-age pupil premium

Links to other policies: Admissions, Safeguarding children and child protection, Confidentiality, Equality of opportunities, Fees, Equality and diversity

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Ruardean Acorns held on 21/8/17

Signed on behalf of Ruardean Acorns...........................................................

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